Subject: Rowan Project Extension

Originator: **Commissioning Officer – Policy and Commissioning**

Decision no. **45/2026**

Reason for submission: **For decision**

Submitted to: **Colin Sutton – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

Summary:

1. The Daisy Programme has been funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) to deliver the Rowan Project to provide sexual violence and abuse (SVA) support services to SVA survivors in Breckland since 2019.

2. The Rowan Project is currently granted £70,200 for the 18-month period 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2027 from OPCCN funding.

3. This decision notice recommends that this funding is extended for a further 6 months with funding of £23,400 from 1 October 2027 to 31 March 2028, plus additional funding of £50,000 for the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.

4. The additional £50,000 for 2027-28 will allow for the expansion of services.

5. This funding will come from the OPCCN Commissioning budget.

6. The services will be provided free of charge, be confidential, non-discriminatory, and accessible to residents in the Breckland area.

Recommendation:

That the Daisy Programme is awarded an additional grant of £23,400 to provide the Rowan Project for the period 1 October 2027 to 31 March 2028 plus an additional £50,000 for period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 to allow for the expansion of the service.

Outcome/approval by: Colin Sutton – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:



Date: 14/10/2026

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

1.1 To sustain and expand the provision of therapeutic services in the Breckland area for victims of SVA to support them to cope and recover from their experiences.

1.2 To support the strategic objectives of the Police and Crime Plan 2025-29 and the national Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy.

2. Background:

2.1 The Rowan Project (delivered by the Daisy Programme) was created to meet the therapeutic needs of victims of SVA and make services available and accessible in the Breckland District.

2.2 The Rowan Project is one of a number of services in the county providing a network of therapeutic support, serving different needs in different locations. The service providers and services work together to provide the most appropriate and effective service and outcomes for clients.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 This is an extension of funding of £23,400 for the period 1 October 2027 to 31 March 2028 with additional funding of £50,000 awarded for the entire funding period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028. This will allow for additional capacity within the service to meet the ongoing demand.

3.2 This funding will come from the OPCCN Commissioning Budget.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Not to fund the service – this would mean that there would be no specialist therapeutic support provision for victims of SVA in the Breckland area. This option has been rejected.

4.2 To continue the existing provision – this would limit the capacity within the service to respond to demand. This option was rejected.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory obligation to set out a Police and Crime Plan. Within the current 2025-2029 plan the PCC has pledged support for SVA victims under 'Your Priorities – Reducing Harm.'

5.2 The primary statutory legislation that drives the support of commissioning services that support victims of domestic abuse and SVA across the Local Authority and Police Force areas are:

a. Crime and Disorder Act 1998

b. Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

c. Health and Social Care Act 2012

d. Code of Practice for Victims of Crime – Ministry of Justice

e. Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

f. Domestic Abuse Act 2021

5.3 Quality standards that will be supported as set out in the following documents:

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect, which makes recommendations for a range of therapeutic interventions for children, young people and families after SVA.
- The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) Ethical Framework.
- Counsellors recruited for the Serious Violence pilot will be accredited with the BACP or UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP) with the relevant competency levels in place to support this group of clients (this includes highly complex cases and those who have experienced non-recent childhood sexual abuse).

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The funding period will be 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.

6.2 The total award will be as follows:

Period	Funding
1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028	£50,000
1 October 2027 – 31 March 2028	£23,400
TOTAL	**£73,400**

7. Carbon emissions and other environmental implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO_2	Saving in tCO_2
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications.

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 The OPCCN has assessed the eligibility of the Daisy Programme and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed and agreed by the OPCCN's Chief Finance/151 Officer and will be reviewed periodically.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'Yes' or 'No'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	**NO**
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	**YES**
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	**YES**
Have human resource implications been considered?	**YES**
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	**YES**
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	**YES**
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	**YES**
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)?	**YES**
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	**YES**

Is this report a Confidential Decision? **No**

If yes, please state reasons below having referred to the PCC Decision Making Policy

Approval to submit to the decision-maker (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 13/10/2026

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,

Or

b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,

Or

c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves,

And

c) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 14/10/2026

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